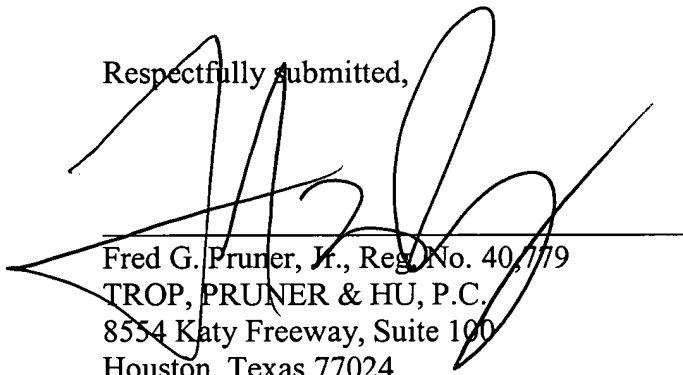


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. As amended, the method of independent claim 21 and the system of independent claim 25 recite arrangements in which transmission of data to a serial bus is enabled based on detection of whether valid logic levels exist on a first serial bus and the detection of a synchronization field in buffered data. Applicant submits that neither of these arrangements are taught nor suggested by the prior art and thus, respectfully request allowance of the application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0327US).

Respectfully submitted,

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